

# THE NAIROBI ACTION AGENDA ON AFRICA'S ECOSYSTEM BASED ADAPTATION FOR FOOD SECURITY

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***We, the participants attending the Second Conference on EBAFOSC, 30 -31 July, 2015 in Nairobi, under the theme: "Re-imagining Africa's Food Security Now and into the Future under a Changing Climate."***

***Thanking*** all partners, organizations, institutions and persons who contributed to the success of this Second Conference on Africa Ecosystem Based Adaptation for Food Security.

## ***Noting that:***

1. Ecosystem Based Adaptation (EBA) is essential for climate change resilience, ecosystems productivity, agriculture and food security, as well as stimulating growth, job creation and value addition in Africa;
2. Restoring and sustaining ecosystems is fundamental in feeding Africa's population now and into the future while achieving sound economic diversification and growth as well as ecological stabilization;
3. Reinvesting natural resource revenues into EBA-driven agriculture is an urgent imperative;
4. EBA-driven agriculture creates employment opportunities, especially for the youth and women in Africa;
5. African Governments are the main drivers of creating enabling policies and laws to provide incentives for the private sector, to invest and enhance competitiveness in up-scaling and out-scaling EBA-driven agriculture.

## ***Recognizing that:***

6. The African Union (AU), New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency and Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) are the continental frameworks for improving and promoting agriculture and food security;
7. The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) resolution on ecosystem-based adaptation made at its first session in June 2014 called upon member states to, among others, mainstream EBA into their development processes and decision making frameworks.

## ***Appreciating:***

8. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development adopted in Addis Ababa, 13 to 16 July 2015, especially on ecosystems and food security;
9. The African Union Agenda 2063, "*The Future We Want for Africa*", reconfirms that agriculture and food security are critical priorities and that increased production, productivity and value addition should remain high on the development agenda of the continent;
10. The decision of the African Union Assembly at its twenty-third ordinary session, held in Malabo, 26- 27 June 2014, on '*Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods*' made specific commitments to realise the vision of a transformed African Agriculture by 2025.

## ***WE RESOLVE***

1. To form the African Ecosystem Based Adaptation for Food Security Assembly (EBAFOSA) to be the policy framework that advocates a culture of EBA towards the attainment of food security, ecological productivity, job creation, poverty reduction, value addition, and sustainable industrial development in Africa.
2. To adopt the Constitution of EBAFOSA as the principle instrument to guide the work of the Assembly.
3. To form a trust fund for EBAFOSA to support implementation of the decisions and activities of the Assembly on EBA initiatives in Africa.
4. To request the Africa Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), as the pan-Africa institution on science, technology and innovation for sustainable development, in cooperation with UNEP, AMCEN Secretariat, African Union Commission (AUC), and other partners, to host the secretariat of the Assembly.
5. To request the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), other institutions, and partners, to support the work of EBAFOSA.

## ***WE DECLARE***

1. To urge Governments in Africa to create an enabling environment for technological advancement and encourage public and private investments to promote EBA-driven agriculture.
2. To urge Governments, stakeholders and the private sector to create platforms for resource mobilization and management, and to promote innovative financing and inclusive business models for EBA-driven agriculture.
3. To call upon all stakeholders and partners to promote implementation of EBA driven agriculture approaches in Africa.
4. To request research and academic institutions in Africa to carry out adaptive scientific and policy research to inform policy formulation and actions at national and regional levels.
5. To call upon governments and stakeholders to empower the youth, women and people living with disabilities of Africa to drive innovation and value addition in agricultural productivity.
6. To request Governments and regional institutions to integrate EBA approaches into their policies and programmes including in education systems.
7. To call upon the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) at its next session to take note of the establishment of EBAFOSA, its' Constitution and the outcomes of this Conference.
8. To request the AU, AMCEN, UNEP, partners and other stakeholders to recognize the Assembly as the leading forum for promoting EBA policies and actions in Africa.
9. To support through EBAFOSA, the work of AU especially its Agenda 2063, CAADP and the implementation of the proposed post 2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals.
10. To submit the outcomes of this Conference to all Governments in Africa, the AUC, partners and collaborators.

**ADOPTED** in Nairobi by the Conference, 31 July 2015